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INSTALLATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICES IN THERMAL POWER STATIONS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of thermal power stations in the country which have been directed to install pollution control devices by the Pollution Control Department;

(b) the total number of thermal power stations/super thermal power stations which have installed the said pollution control devices and the number out of them which have been closed in the absence of such devices;

(c) whether the Government have evaluated the losses suffered due to closure of thermal power stations because of no pollution control devices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : 79 thermal power plants have been directed to install necessary pollution control devices.

(b) : All power stations have pollution control devices, viz., Electro Static Precipitators(ESPs) except Bokaro `A` and Harduaganj `A` & `B`. However, the performance of ESPs is satisfactory only in 48 power stations and in the remaining 31 power stations, the augmentation of ESPs is in progress to improve their efficiency.

(c) & (d) : Except 3 units of Bokaro `A` power station (45 MW each), and PankhiUnit 2 (32 MW) none of the other plants has been ordered for closure. The loss of generation capacity on account of closure of this power station is 167 (MW). However, directions have been issued to 30 power stations for augmentation/installation of pollution control equipment in a time bound manner.